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Dear Messrs. Sherwood and Skinnarland:

TRANSMITTAL OF THE PHASE I FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE CANYON DISPOSITION INITIATIVE (221-U FACILITY)

The purpose of this correspondence is to formally transmit the attached Draft A of DOE/RL-97-11, Phase I Feasibility Study for the Canyon Disposition Initiative (221-U Facility), for the 200 Area Canyon Disposition Initiative Project. The draft Feasibility Study was prepared to provide decision makers sufficient information on the disposition alternatives for the 221-U Facility, to determine which alternatives are viable for further detailed analysis. The Feasibility Study Includes the following:

- identifies remedial action objectives, contaminants of potential concern, potential applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements, and potential remedial alternatives;
- performs comparative qualitative analysis based on the Comprehensive Environmental, Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) criteria in order to determine technical feasibility of each alternative; and
- identifies issues for further analysis to be conducted in subsequent phases of the CERCLA process for disposition of the 221-U Facility.

The document is being sent out for a concurrent review by the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the State of Washington Department of Ecology. Please review the Feasibility Study and provide comments no later than March 21, 1997. This review process in accordance with section 9.2.1 of the Tri-Party Agreement Action Plan.


Messrs. Sherwood and Skinnarland -2-

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If you have any questions regarding this transmittal or the information provided in the attachment, please contact Mr. John Sands of my staff on 372-2282.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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